IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

| IN RE: VITAMINS ANTITRUST LITIGATION | Misc. No. 99-197 (TFH) MDL No. 1285 |
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| This document relates to: | FILED |
| ANIMAL SCIENCE, et al., | DEC 1 2 2002 |
| Plaintiffs, | NANCY MAYER WHITTINGTON, CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT |
| v. | 33 33 33 33 33 |
| CHINOOK GROUP, LTD., et al., | |
| Defendants. | |
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ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF ESTIMATED TAXES BY ESCROW AGENT

Upon the joint request of Settling Defendants and Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel, payment of taxes by the Escrow Agent in the amount of \$14,900 for the fourth quarter of tax year 2002 is hereby APPROVED.

Dated: December 9, 2002

Hon. Thomas F. Hogan

Chief Judge

United States District Court for the District of Columbia

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this 9th day of December, 2002, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Fourth Quarter Joint Request of Settling Defendant and Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel for Order Approving Payment of Estimated Taxes on Settlement Funds has been served on all counsel of record by electronic service pursuant to the Court's May 17, 2000 Order Regarding Electronic Service, utilizing Verilaw electronic service procedures.

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